

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will conduct an open-forum public meeting for:

**State Project No. H.003931.2
Federal Aid Project No. BR-10-1(212)29
I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge
(I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End)
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana**

The meeting will be held at the following place and time:

THURSDAY
October 24, 2013
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lake Charles Civic Center
Jean Lafitte Room
900 Lakeshore Drive
Lake Charles, LA 70601

The purpose of the public meeting is to present an overview of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project, including the project study area, purpose and need and future coordination efforts, as well as the process for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will evaluate environmental impacts associated with the proposed widening and infrastructure improvements to I-10 in Lake Charles between the I-210 intersections, including the Calcasieu River Bridge. The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve traffic congestion, but will also address safety and roadway/bridge design deficiencies.

The Calcasieu River Bridge has been deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge, as well as other historic and/or potentially historic properties may be affected by the proposed project. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the FHWA and the DOTD, in consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer, to identify potential consulting parties and to invite them to participate in the Section 106 process.

Persons interested in the proposed project, as well as interested Section 106 consulting parties, are invited to be present at the above time and place to review the study materials and comment on the information presented. The meeting will be an open-house format and there will be no formal presentation. Information on the proposed project can also be viewed at the project website, www.i10lakecharles.com.

All comments received during the public meeting and written comments post-marked within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting will become part of the official public record. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail your comments to the address listed below:

**I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project
c/o HNTB Corporation
10000 Perkins Rowe
Baton Rouge, LA 70810**

Comments may also be submitted, and questions answered, by logging on to the project website and selecting *Contact Us*.

For additional information or to request to be a Section 106 consulting party, please contact either Ms. Noel Ardoin, P.E., with the DOTD by phone at (225) 242-4501 or e-mail at Noel.Ardoin@LA.GOV, or Mr. Joachim Umeozulu, P.E., with the DOTD by phone at (225) 379-1386 or e-mail at Joachim.Umeozulu@LA.GOV. You may also send a request via mail to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Attention: Ms. Noel Ardoin, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. Please provide reasons for requesting to be a consulting party. Requests would be appreciated by November 25, 2013. If you are aware of other individuals or other organizations that may be interested in the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project, please forward their names and contact information to Ms. Noel Ardoin or Mr. Joachim Umeozulu at the contact information provided above.

If you require special assistance due to a disability or require an interpreter to participate in this meeting, please contact Ms. Adriane McRae with HNTB Corporation at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date by email at AMcRae@HNTB.com, phone at (225) 368-2840, or mail at HNTB Corporation, 10000 Perkins Rowe, Baton Rouge, LA, 70810.

